

Dear Sirs:

Reference: Matanuska Telephone Association, WC Docket No. 17-363, Comp. Pol. File No. 1422

I'm writing in support of the residents and recreational users of telephone services in the western areas of the Matanuska-Susitna Valley. I am including the talking points put together by Mr. Mike Williams, a flower farmer who lives off the grid in the area. The Matanuska Telephone Association, of which I am a member, has unilaterally decided to terminate services to this part of the valley without a suitable substitute or accommodation. Denial of service will leave businesses without the ability to operate. Additionally, cell phone service is used not only to supplement business activities but as an emergency tool for getting help in the event of accident or injury. This area is frequented by boats and float equipped aircraft in the summer and by snow machine ski equipped aircraft in winter. Service has been there in the past and is now being terminated.

Please take appropriate action to ensure adequate and reliable telephone service is available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert W. Lane". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert W. Lane